

REMARKS

The specification has been amended at the third and last full paragraphs on page 3 in order to place the paragraphs in better conformance with U.S. practice as well as to correct a minor error.

Original claims 1-11 have been cancelled and new claims 12-25 substituted therefor.

In view of the foregoing, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, the third paragraph at lines 11-13 has been amended as follows:

They are in particular described in published international patent application WO 00/40628 [WO00/40628] whose content forms an integral part of the present application and whose content is expressly incorporated herein by reference.

Page 3, the last full paragraph at lines 22-24 has been amended as follows:

The [most] more hydrophobic blocks have a molecular weight of 10,000 to 100,000 and the [most hydrophobic] more hydrophilic blocks have a molecular weight of 1000 to 100,000 [daltons].

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled and new claims 12-25 substituted therefor.